Leaning minarets of TAJ

*134. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leading experts have studied the leaning minarets of Taj;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations so far received from the experts; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has requested the Survey of India, to Dehadu to conduct a study on the verticality of the four minarets of Taj Mahal. The study was undertaken by the Geodetic and Research Branch of the Survey of India during March-April, 2005.

Their report has since been received wherein it is concluded that the minarets of Taj Mahal were found to be quite stable.

New security equipments at airports

*135. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to prepare a security blueprint for all major airports and also install Bio Matrix Equipments and CCTV facility;

(b) if so, what is the time frame for these security arrangements to become functional at all major airports; and

(c) what is the *modus operandi* of this hi-tech security facility along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to install security equipments like Bio-metric access control system, Explosive detection equipment, CCTV, Perimeter intrusion detection system etc. at all the major airports in the country. These equipments will be installed in a phased manner.

(c) These equipments enhance access control, surveillance, explosive detection capability and augment security architecture at the airports.

Maintenance of Kamakhaya Temple in Assam

†*136. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government during the last three years for preservation and maintenance of Kamakhaya Temple, situated in Assam State:

(b) whether Government have formulated any plan for beautification of the said temple; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) The Kamakhya Temple is not a Centrally protected monument. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 151.27 lakhs in 2003 for provision of infrastructure facilities at Maa Kamakhya Saktipeeth, Nilachal Hills, Guwahati.

The following provisions were made in the sanction:

1. Improvement of Mekhala Ujua Path, providing and fixing of M.S. railing etc.
2. Improvement of side drain and culvert.
3. Toilet and drinking water facilities along Mekhala Ujua Path.

Tourism Industry

*137. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism industry has progressed during the last few years;

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